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Sir:

For:

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As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/441,163 filed on January 21, 2003. An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

Inventor(s): Kazuhiro KATO; Shingo ODA; Hiroshi HARADA; Ryohei YAMADA

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Enclosed are:

$\boxtimes$	A specification consisting of sixteen (16) pages
$\boxtimes$	Four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings
	Applicant does not claim priority
	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2003-6544 filed in Japan on January 15, 2003.  Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.

Certified copy(ies) will follow.



$\boxtimes$	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
$\boxtimes$	Preliminary Amendment
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and reference(s)
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
	Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
	Other:
	Provisional application filed in English:  YES NO
	If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy: $\square$ is attached hereto $\boxtimes$ will follow.

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		TOTAL	\$1,060.00	\$0.00

The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The

original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- Non-English specification \$130.00 surcharge.
- A check in the amount of \$1,190.00 to cover the filing fee, and surcharge (if applicable), is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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